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EQUITY FACILITY (FUEL)  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application, as set forth below.

**In The Specification:**

Please amend paragraph no. [0001] on page 1 to read as follows:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of (1) U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/241,771 filed October 19, 2000 and entitled "Firm Underwritten Equity Facility" and (2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/757,215 filed January 9, 2001 and entitled "A System and

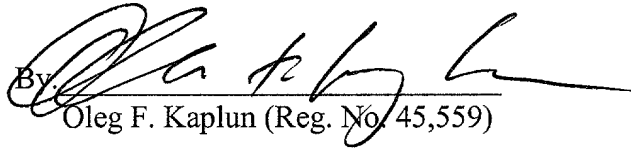
Method for Firm Underwritten Equity Facility (FUEL)". Both applications are expressly incorporated herein, in their entireties, by reference.

**REMARKS**

The specification have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Respectfully submitted,

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First Paragraph, Page 1

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